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Title: Need to give adequate compensation to tribals land oustees of SCCL for open cast mining project in Adilabad, Andhra Pradesh.

DR. BABU RAO MEDIYAM (BHADRACHALAM): Sir, this is regarding the need to give adequate compensation for people affected by the open cast mining at Adilabad, Andhra Pradesh.

SCCL, a public sector undertaking has started open cast mining of coal at Vullipitta and Dorli villages of Thiryani mandal of Adilabad District, Andhra Pradesh. For this purpose, about ten villages are supposed to be evacuated; about 4000 acres of cultivable land and about 2000 acres of forest land were identified for this purpose. The local authorities did not hold any public hearing in these villages. About 2500 people will lose their livelihood due to this project.

I urge upon the Ministry of Coal to give adequate compensation like land to land for these people; and the rate for the land should be about Rs.1.5 lakh per acre and the work which was started should be stopped till the time the resettlement and rehabilitation programmes are undertaken.